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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Heavy liquidation in the New York stock market; principal selling pressure came from London. —— The Inter State Commerce Commission has begun investigation of complaints as to changes in freight classification and advances in rates. —— Gen. Kitchener has arrived at Cairo on his way from the Soudan to South Africa. —— Mrs. Jefferson Davis has presented a communion service to the veterans of the Confederate Home in Virginia, as a Christmas offering. —— Several members af the British aristocracy, including the Duke of Marlborough, have volunteered for service in South Africa. —— Mormon elders have a large following in Hampton county, S. C. —— Edwin O. Harrell shot and killed F. M. Etheridge at Dallas, Texas; both prominent lawyers. —— In a fight between whites and negroes near Meridian, Miss., three white men were wounded, one of them mortally; the white men were unarmed. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 3@7 per cent., last loan at 4 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 7 9-16c; flour slow but steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 74c; corn—spot quoted firm, No. 2 40¼c; rosin steady; strained common to good $1.45; spirits turpentine steady at 51½ @52c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 35 degrees; 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 56 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 4 4.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 4 5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—For North Carolina—Fair Friday; probably showers Saturday; fresh north to east winds.

Port Almanac--Dec. 22.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H 36 M
High Water at Southport.	11.64 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	2.24 P. M.

During the recent flurry in New York money ran up to 186 per cent., and yet they say the country is full of money.

As far as the record is reported, the Boers have killed or captured 6,946 British soldiers, and the war hasn't had a fair start yet.

The grab of the Philippines has created a new industry. A New York man is collecting a cargo of cats to ship to Manila. Cats are very scarce over there.

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew says there is as much eloquence in the United States Senate now as there was in the days of Clay, Webster and Calhoun. Of course, Chauncey is in it.

Mr. Swank, an authority on iron and steel, expresses the opinion that our exports of these articles for this year will exceed $100,000,000. But we must have a high protective tariff on them all the same.

The Dutch outnumber the English two to one in the Capetown district in South Africa, and with the temper of the Dutch the English feel as if they were "standing in the crater of a volcano," as Julian Ralph expresses it.

Wisconsin's tobacco crop this year is worth $5,000,000. Not many years ago it would have taken several bushels of argument, supplemented with a maul, to persuade the average Wisconsiner that tobacco could be successfully grown in that State.

Secretary Gage went to the rescue of the imperilled banks in New York with much more celerity than he went to the rescue of the banks in the West last Fall when they were calling for money to help move the crops. It is well, however, that he went promptly to the rescue of the New York banks.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has adopted the system of pensioning employes who have been in its services for stated periods, and have reached stated ages. It retires them and pays them a pension of about 40 per cent. of the pay they had earned while in active service. About 950 will be retired and pensioned this year.

Miss Morris, of Pittsfield, Mass., shot two of her fingers off while fooling with a shooting machine of some sort, and now she wants the company to pay her $50,000 damages, because she was an expert piano player, and the loss of these fingers knocks her out as a performer and spoils her chances of making a good catch.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The public schools will close to day till after the New Year.

— The schooner *Island City*, hence for Stamford, arrived December 15th.

— The lost setter advertised in the STAR, has been found and returned to its owner.

— The Clyde steamship *Saginaw* arrived at 9 o'clock last night from her Georgetown trip.

— In the police court yesterday Claude Leslie was fined $5 for disorderly conduct on the night previous.

— Mr. H. W. A. Hansen will conduct the afternoon service at the Y. M. C. A., on Sunday at 5 o'clock P. M.

— The steamer *Driver* arrived from Fayetteville at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and will clear this afternoon for the return.

— License was yesterday issued for the marriage of Mrs. Lena Rhew, of Greeneville Sound to Mr. Henry Melton, of the same community.

— An alarm of fire was turned in last night shortly after 11 o'clock on account of fire at 515 South Front street. Fire in a lounge did damage to the extent of about $20.

— The schooner *Charlotte W. Miller*, one of the handsomest that visits this port, completed loading with lumber at the Cape Fear Lumber Co. yesterday and will sail for New York.

— The steamer *Seabright* arrived at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a heavy freight from Calabash and Little River, S. C., and will probably clear for the return this evening

— The local cotton market was quoted on a basis of only 7 cents for middling yesterday—a decline of a quarter of a cent over preceding quotations. Receipts were only 265 bales against 489 on the same date last year.

— Myths of Greece and Rome was repeated at the Opera House last night. The performance was identical in every detail with the first presentation. A fair audience was present and by frequent applause manifested their delight.

— Articles of agreement have been filed with the Secretary of State by H. E. Newbury, W. R. Newbury and N. E. Newbury for the incorporation of The H. E. Newbury Company. The concern has power to conduct a general merchandise business at Magnolia, Duplin county, for thirty years. The capital stock is $10,000.

— Minnie Garfield, the colored woman who was after the scalp of King Bell, Wednesday morning, was tried in Justice Fowler's court yesterday on the double charge of damage to personal property and assault and battery with a deadly weapon. She was sent to jail in default of bond for her appearance at the Criminal Court.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. T. Mills—Notice.
Notice—Auction sale.
N. L Smith—For sale.
J. T. Burke—Don't listen.
Notice—Proposals wanted.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Watch.
King Grocery Co.—Xmas feast.

Enjoyable Entertainment.

The Junior Epworth League of Grace M. E. Church, South, gave a delightful entertainment last night in the lecture room. There was no charge for admittance, but there were donations for the poor and a collection was taken for that purpose.

A large audience was in attendance and greatly enjoyed the nice programme carried out by the little folks under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Shaw.

Miss Fannie Corbett was organist and Mr. E. C. Craft played the cornet. The exercises were opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Presiding Elder Bumpass, and he dismissed the audience with the benediction.

Opera House Leased.

Capt. Jno. H. Hanby, chairman of the public building committee of the Board of Aldermen, and Mayor A. M. Waddell yesterday opened the bids for the lease of the Wilmington Opera House, which is city property, for the two years beginning June 1st, 1900. The building was leased to Mr. S. A. Schloss, the present lessee, for $750 per annum. The only other bid submitted was that of Mr. W. A. McGowan, who offered $550 per year.

The old lease was for a period of three years at only $350 per annum, the committee on this occasion having received more than double the rental heretofore received.

New Diphtheria Cases.

Two new cases of diphtheria—both at the residence of Mr. J. C. Rowan, No. 515 North Fifth street—were reported to the superintendent of health yesterday and promptly placed in quarantine. There are now only five quarantines in the city for this disease, counting the two cases yesterday. Two of the cases were dismissed yesterday morning—one at No. 807 Market street and the other at the residence of Mr. J. J. Tharp, who died yesterday morning.

There are no additional cases of scarlet fever.

Let us bake your Cakes. Only steam oven in the city. Your Cakes will not have to stand over night, Can bake them at once. Palace Bakery. †

Watch us unload a car of Fruit in front of our store Friday. We are going to make somebody sick on prices. Palace Bakery. †

SPECIAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Abuse of Magistrate System, River and Harbor Improvement, and the Question of Sewerage Discussed.

In accordance with the call of President W. E. Worth of the Chamber of Commerce, a special meeting of that body was held at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building.

President Worth was in the chair and Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, the secretary was on hand. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

President Worth stated that there are in the hands of the secretary about 2000 of the maps of the Cape Fear river and bar, and suggested that something about the city be printed on the backs of the maps and that they be sent out as an advertisement of the city.

The president announced that at the last meeting of the Chamber the unsatisfactory magistate system was discussed, and it was the unanimous opinion that through abuse of the system the jail fees were entirely too excessive. The Chamber decided to make some efforts to remedy the evil, and adjourned to take the matter up again. In the meantime a letter was addressed to W. B. McKoy, county attorney, asking for information as to the matter, and Col. Roger Moore, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was also invited to attend this meeting and make a statement on the question under consideration.

County Attorney McKoy and Chairman Moore were both present, as was also Mayor A. M. Waddell, who had been invited to attend,

President Worth read the following communication from County Attorney McKoy:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.

Mr. W. E. Worth, President Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N C:

DEAR SIR—Your letter to hand relative to the evils and expense of the Magistrates' courts in our county, with a view of a movement of the Chamber of Commerce to recommend a change to the next Legislature.

I would direct your attention to the fact that these courts are established by the constitution and the Legislature cannot abrogate them.

The Legislature may establish a new court, of equal or enlarged jurisdiction, but this will not abolish the Magistrates' courts, but only add to the expense of our county government. No system has ever been devised equal to the magistrates' courts, that would prevent expensive litigation about small matters.

The present and previous Boards of County Commissioners have reduced the expenses of the County in this line so materially that it is not now excessive.

The acts of the last Legislature have aided the Commissioners very much in this matter. Chapter 634 provides, that excepting capital felonies the county shall not be taxed for more than four witnesses; in former times I have known the county to be taxed with as many as twenty witnesses in small and frivolous cases. The other act does not immediately concern the magistrates, but the Criminal Court, and in Chapter 623 and relates to the payment of special venire-men.

Though the expenses of the county were reduced by the former Board of Commissioners, I will give you a few items from the books of the county which will show what has been done by the present Board of Commissioners, and from this you may ascertain the actual cost of the present magistrate system:

	1898.	1899.
Magistrates' courts	$ 673.98	$ 470.68
Witness Criminal Court	457.60	429.52
Jurors Criminal Court	1,644 15	1,334.05
Sheriff Criminal Court	763.85	769.15
Clerk Criminal Court	371.73	350.91
Solicitor Criminal Court	219.90	290.50
Jail fees	2,704.00	2,478.71

As to the prisoners in the jail after their conviction, they will probably not long be of any great expense to the county, because they will be put to work on the county roads as soon as the system devised by the last Legislature can be carried out by your present Board of Commissioners, and I have no doubt that they will be asking for other convicts from the State to effectually carry on that work.

It might be of advantage to enlarge the jurisdiction of the magistrates in certain cases and in that manner lessen the number of prisoners bound over to the Criminal Court in petty cases, who frequently remain in jail from thirty days to four months, waiting trial.

I think that there should be more care paid to the selection of magistrates for the county, by our Representatives in the Legislature.

Let me say in closing, this letter does not emanate from the Board of Commissioners, but is simply in answer to your letter personally addressed to me.

Very truly yours,
W. B. McKOY.

After reading Mr. McKoy's communication, the President said that it had been suggested that the magistrate system might be supplanted by a recorder's court which should be given jurisdiction in cases that now are sent up to the Criminal Court, entailing expenses on the county on account of jail fees by reason of the imprisonment of persons who could not give bond.

Col. Roger Moore, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, by request of President Worth, then made a statement of facts to the meeting. He said that the present trial justice system made it entirely too expensive for the county, as the "runners" for the trial justices or magistrates, were interested in getting all the cases they could before court, and the magistrates not having jurisdiction in many trivial cases, were compelled under the law to bind them over to the Criminal Court. The result was that the county has to pay excessive jail fees. He read from a memorandum showing that the magistrates' costs in 1898 amounted to $530.2 and in 1899 $577.11; that the constable fees in 1898 were $9.75 and in 1899, $119 53; and the jail expenses in 1898 were $2 704 and in 1899, $3,028.89, the fees alone being $2.337.15.

Col. Moore said something ought to be done to relieve the county of this burden. In further discussing the matter, he stated that the convicts of the county before the present road law was adopted, were sent to the workhouse and the superintendent of that institution boarded them, clothed them and physiced them, being allowed the free use of the county lands and the work of the convicts as his remuneration. Under the road law now in force, that convicts now are taken in charge by the county and are worked on the roads, the county bearing the expense of feeding, clothing and physicing them. He stated that at present all the convicts are at work on the county roads, putting them in condition for the work of macadamizing them, which would begin in about twenty days.

The matter was then discussed by Mayor Waddell, Mr. J. A. Taylor, Capt. T. D. Meares, President Worth, Col. F. W. Kerchner and Mr. Hugh MacRae. On motion of Mr. MacRae a committee of three was appointed to investigate the matter and suggest a remedy for the magistrate abuse. Capt. T. D. Meares and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and W. M. Cumming were appointed on the committee.

River Improvement.

President Worth announced that the second matter for consideration was the improvement of the Cape Fear river and harbor. The Chamber was mistaken in supposing there was a vacancy on the river and harbor committee of Congress, and that the effort to have Congressman Small appointed on the committee had consequently failed. He was satisfied, however, that the efforts made would result in good.

In this connection, President Worth said it had been suggested that one of the needs of the harbor is the dredging of a basin wide enough for vessels drawing from 20 to 22 feet to swing in the stream. Another matter was the recent communication of the Fayetteville Chamber, of Commerce asking the co operation of this body in securing an increased appropriation to improve the navigation of the river between Fayetteville and Wilmington. He stated that Capt. Chas. Humphreys, of the United States' engineer corps, informed him that $142,000 had been expended on the upper Cape Fear, and it was the opinion of the engineers that too radical an improvement of the river by dredging and removing logs would result in running all the water out in a channel that would be too shallow for navigation.

On motion, the president was authorized to send a letter to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce explaining the conditions and enclosing the written opinion of the engineers on the question.

As to the dredging of a basin in the harbor in which vessels can swing at anchor, Col. F. W. Kerchner moved that the river and harbor committee of the Chamber be instructed to urge an appropriation for this work.

Sewerage System.

President Worth announced that another question for consideration was a sewerage system for the city. He said this was the most important question for this city now, and he would even rather have a good sewerage system then to see the river and harbor improved.

The necessity of a sewerage system was discussed by Messrs. M. W. Jacobi, Col. J. L. Cantwell, Mr. Hugh MacRae, Mr. D. L. Gore and Mayor Waddell. All agreed on the question.

Mr. MacRae said the sentiment of the citizens was unanimously in favor of a sewerage system, but the ways and means of securing it was the stumbling block. He stated that the matter was under consideration by the Board of Aldermen, of which he is a member, and the matter had been referred to a committee of which Alderman C. W. Worth is chairman, to submit a plan for sewerage. Mr. MacRae and Mayor Waddell said the limit to which the city debt could be raised had been reached and bonds could not be issued, but a proposition had been made to have a sewerage system constructed by a corporation and leased to the city at a fair percentage on the investment, with the privilege that the city can purchase the system in a given number of years. This is understood to be the plan upon which the Board of Aldermen is to act.

On motion of Mr. M. W. Jacobi, a special meeting of the Chamber is soon to be called to consider the sewerage question in detail.

THE CHRISTMAS GAME.

Preparations Go On Apace for Foot Ball Contest With Fayetteville.

Fayetteville's "pig-skin" chasers are practicing hard for the coming fray with the Wilmington boys to be fought on Hilton gridiron on Christmas day. Wilmington's scalp still remains dangling from Fayetteville's belt, having defeated our eleven on their grounds last New Year's day by a score of 16 to 0. Our boys claim to have a much stronger team this season and will enter the game Monday to do or die. Some of Wilmington's old stand-bys will be found in her ranks Monday, and Manager Sinclair, who is a judge of foot ball material, says it is the best line-up he has ever seen put out by Wilmington to protect her goal. King, Savage, Watson, Hergenrother, Wanamaker, Wenberg, Morton, Brunson (G), Latham, Pinner, McMillan, Bellamy (H.), Hatch and Moore will be the men Wilmington's team will be chosen from.

Mixed Nuts 10c per pound, Cocoanuts 5c. Fresh Ground Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Rev. J. N. Cole, Who Has Been Assigned to Grace Church, Got Here With His Family Last Evening.

The Rev. J. N. Cole, the new pastor of Grace M. E. Church, South, arrived in the city last evening at 5 50 o'clock over the Atlantic Coast Line. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cole and their daughter, Miss Lucy, and the children. They were met at the railroad station by friends and were welcomed to the parsonage by a committee of ladies who had a nice supper prepared.

Mr. Cole will conduct the services at Grace Church next Sunday. The STAR is permitted to copy the following letter from Durham to a prominent merchant of this city:

"As a Methodist and old aquaintance, I want to write to you of Rev. J. N. Cole, who has been with us here for four years. He is one of the best men I ever saw and the best pastor I have ever known. He has a wife, whom it is a delight to know and a family which is both interesting and pleasant. We part with them reluctantly and commend them to your very best care. I predict that there will be no change at Grace for four years to come and then you will wish the time had just begun."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. B. S. Shaw, of Raleigh, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Henry Bowden, of Warsaw, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. J. McDonald and two sons, of Cedar Creek, are in the city.

— Miss Alice Borden is at home from Greensboro Female College to spend Christmas.

— Mrs. F. Rheinstein, Miss Rheinstein and the children returned home last evening from New York.

— That staunch old Democrat, Maj. T. H. McKoy is here to spend the, holidays with his family and friends.

— Miss Norma Northrop has returned from the Greensboro Female College to spend the holidays at home.

— Rev. P. C. Morton is engaged this week in holding a protracted meeting at Whiteville Presbyterian Church.

— Mr. Phil Pearsall has moved into his new residence on South Front street, which is one of the prettiest in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lyon, of Lyon's Landing, arrived last evening on the steamer *Driver* and are in the city, the guests of friends.

— Mrs. R. H. Herring arrived last evening from Enfield to join her husband, who has recently accepted the pastorate of Southside Baptist Church.

— Hon. John D. Bellamy arrived here yesterday to spend the holidays. He will return to Washington about January 3d, the day before the re assembling of Congress.

— Mrs. W. P. Melson and daughter, Miss Elva, arrived yesterday from Boston en route to their home at Conway, S. C. While in the city they were guests of relatives.

— Rev. G. H. Simmons, the new pastor of Elizabethtown Methodist Church, passed through the city yesterday from Aurora, N. C., to assume the duties of his new pastorate.

— Messrs. J. O. West, of Dawson's Landing; C. Martin, Jno. Bizzell, of Elizabethtown, and J. H. Porter, of Kelly's Cove, were among the holiday purchasers who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the steamer *Driver*.

— Capt. Willie St. George, of the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company, who with Captain Skinner is engaged in directing the work of floating vessels off the Florida coast, is expected to arrive to-day to spend the holidays with his family at Southport.

— Mr. John C. Wessell arrived yesterday morning from the University of Maryland at Baltimore to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wessell. Mr. Wessell is cliniacal assistant at the University and will receive his degree next Spring.

— Among the homecomers last night to spend the holidays at home were the following students from Horner's Military School, Oxford, N. C. Messrs. Russell Foster, James W. Jackson, Jr., W. M. Bellamy, S. S. Heide, H. M. Emerson, Jr., M. Bear, Louis Davis, Frank P. Turrentine, and D. Nathan,

Liberal Offer.

The following substantial message of sympathy was wired by the Atlantic Coast Line Company of South Carolina to their agent at Florence, S. C., upon the occasion of the recent fire in that city:

Atlantic Coast Line, Traffic Department, Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 19, 1899 —To A. H. Shepard, agent, Florence, S. C.: I regret exceedingly to hear of the disastrous fire in Florence. Please notify proper parties that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of South Carolina will contribute 25 per cent. of the freight money for transportation of building material used in rebuilding the burned district; shipments moving prior to June 1 1900.

H. M. EMERSON,
General Freight Agent.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

Do you want 2,000 or 3.000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

DEATH HATH ALL SEASONS FOR ITS OWN.

Messrs. William Ulrich, J. J. Tharp and J. H. Turner, All Well Known Citizens, Passed Away Yesterday.

Sincere sorrow will be universally felt in Wilmington at the announcement of the death of Mr. William Ulrich, which occurred at 8 05 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 502 South Front street.

During the Summer Mr. Ulrich suffered from lung trouble which developed into a rapid case of consumption. He got better, however, after his first attack, but for the past two months has been steadily on the decline. He left here in November and spent the month with his uncle, Mr. Jacob Riblin, in Pender county, with the hope that his health would be benefitted. He returned here December 1st, and feeling somewhat improved, resumed his duties as chief mailing clerk at the postoffice. After working for ten days he had to retire to his home, and for the past two weeks his decline was steady.

The deceased was born in Wilmington September 7th, 1867, and was in the 33rd year of his age. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ulrich, both of whom passed away a number of years ago. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. H. M. Bremer, of New York, and Misses Mina and Annie Ulrich of this city. Mrs. Bremer was telegraphed the sad intelligence and she will arrive this evening.

For nearly seven years Mr. Ulrich has been chief mailing clerk in the postoffice. He was widely known in the city, and his genial disposition made him a host of friends. Among all classes of people general regret is felt at his untimely end. He was never married, and was a member of Live Oak Camp, No. 6, Woodmen of The World.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock from residence.

Mr. J. J. Tharp, a well known grocer, corner Eighth and Mulberry streets and residing at No. 307 MacRae street, died at fifteen minutes to four o'clock yesterday morning of diphtheria. He had been sick only since Sunday and his condition was not considered serious until Wednesday about midnight when he grew gradually worse, dying at the hour stated. Mr. Tharp was about 38 years of age and was a native of Brunswick county, being a son of M. r James Tharp of Town Creek. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn their loss. He had since moving to Wilmington about five years ago beorne a very high character in the eyes of his associates and those with whom he had business transactions and was a member of Hanover Lodge I. O. O. F., Jefferson Lodge No. 61 K. of P., and Concord Castle No. 1, Knights of the Golden Eagle. Delegations from the different orders were present at the funeral which was conducted privately by Rev. J. W. Potter, pastor of Market street M. E. Church, from the late residence at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The interment was in Bellevue.

Mr. John Turner, No. 719 Orange street, who for more than twenty years was engineer at the plant of the Wilmington Gas Light Company and a well known citizen, died at his home at 8.15 o'clock yesterday morning at the advanced age of 87 years.

Mr. Turner had not by reason of the infirmities of age been actively engaged during the more recent years and his death yesterday morning was due more to old age than to other causes. The only surviving member of his immediate family in Wilmington is Mrs. J. P. O'Sullivan. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence by Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, of which the deceased had been a member for a number of years. The interment will be in Bellevue Cemetery.

STEAMER CATHERINE WHITING.

Part of Her Equipment Will be Sold at Auction Here Saturday.

The coasting schooner *Ella Wheeler*, Capt. A. A. Milliken, which arrived in port yesterday, brought as a cargo a number of articles saved from the wrecked steamer *Catharine Whiting*, which went ashore during the November storm near Little River, S. C. The cargo consists of a quantity of rope, blocks, compass lights, steam winch, pumps and several tons of scrap iron. The wreckage is advertised to be sold by Messrs. Brooks & Taylor on Saturday morning, December 23rd, at 10 o'clock, on the steamer *Seabright's* wharf. Capt. C. F. Miller, mate on the wrecked steamer, is here looking after the interests of his son, Capt. T. C. Miller, who owned the vessel. Messrs. Brooks & Taylor are agents in the matter for Mr. George Brooks, of Brunswick county, who had the contract for saving the wreckage.

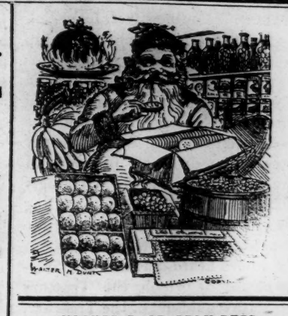
The cargo of 350,000 feet of lumber on the vessel, which was also saved by Mr. Brooks, will be brought up to the city early in January and sold at auction.

With the German Clubs.

Mr. Warren Johnson will lead the impromptu german given by the young ladies complimentary to L'Arioso and L'Agile German Clubs on Christmas night. The german will be danced in the Masonic Temple ball room and the music will be furnished by the Italian band.

Mr. H. H. McIlhenny has been appointed to lead L'Arioso german on Wednesday night, December 27th.

Cocoanuts 5c, Fresh Grated Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †



ENJOYING AN XMAS FEAST

is what every one in Wilmington is looking forward to in the season of good fellowship and merriment and right here at our store will be found all the delicious morsels in Turkeys and Chickens, Choice Fruits, Cranberries, Fancy Oranges and Bananas, Nuts, Raisins and Currants for your Christmas baking we have the finest Pastry Flour, Flavoring Extracts, Pure Spices, etc., at bed rock prices.

SPECIAL:
Cranberries, 7½ and 10c per qt.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, Manager.
'Phone 337. Fourth Street Bridge.
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ANOTHER DASTARDLY DEED.

Butler's and Pritchard's Friends Continue Their Campaign Against Amendment.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

GOLD ROCK, N. C, December 21.—Mr. Robert Hester was waylaid and shot near Rocky Mount Falls yesterday at one o'clock P. M., by two negroes—John Taylor and another. They met Mr. Hester and demanded his money. He gave them his purse and begged them not to shoot him, but both negroes fired several shots which took effect in his breast and ranged around. He will not die. The negroes were captured in Battlebore last night and taken to Raleigh this morning for safe-keeping. Feeling ran high and there was danger of lynching. It was a daring affair, in broad daylight.

MARRIED.

HARPER-STROUPE—At Salem, N. C., December 19 h, 1899, JOHN W. HARPER and ELLA CHILTY STROUPE; Bishop Edward Rondthaler officiating. No cards At home, No. 311 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C

DIED.

ULRICH—In this city, at 8 05 A. M. Thursday, December 21, 1899, WILLIAM ULRICH, in the 33rd year of his age.

Funeral Saturday at 10 A. M. from residence, 502 South Front street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE CUSTODIAN U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE, Wilmington North Carolina, December 20 1899. Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P M. on the 28th day of December, 1899, and then opened for repairs, painting &c., at the above named building. Copies of the specification may be had at this office. JOHN O. DANCY, Custodian.
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AUCTION SALE.

The wrecked steamer Catharine Whiting's equipment, consisting of Rope, Blocks, Water Casks, Compass, Lights, Steam Winch, Pumps, and several tons of Iron, will be sold at public auction Saturday, December 23, at 10 A. M., on steamer Seabright's wharf
dec 22 2t BROOKS & TAYLOR.

Everything to be Sold

AT LOWEST PRICES. China Glassware and Holiday Goods of every description to be sold at lowest figures from now on until everything is closed out. You can save money. Do not make any mistake in finding Watson's China Store, No. 11 Market street, between Front and Water, directly opposite Goodman's Dry Goods store. Look for the sign
"WATSON'S CHINA EMPORIUM."
dec 10 2w

TO THOSE INTERESTED:

MY MORRIS CHAIRS, TABOURETTES, TABLES AND SHAVING STANDS HAVE ARRIVED.

N. F. PARKER.
dec 21 tf

DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT OTHERS SAY

But come and see yourself what a NICE PRESENT you can get

For a LITTLE Money in JEWELRY And Silver Novelties.

J. T. BURKE,
dec 22 1m No. 27 South Front street.

FOR SALE.

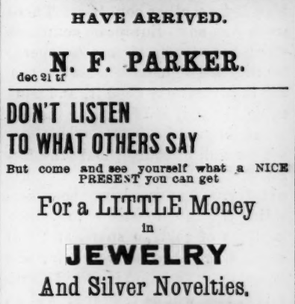
Ten beautiful Upright Pianos in fancy cases.

Bargains for cash. Four good Square Pianos One handsome Mathushek Baby Grand in Mahogany. All to be closed out

At Manufacturers' Cost

before removal to our new store, 109 Market street Can save you from $50 to $ 00 during the holidays.

N. L. SMITH,
dec 22 tf 109 Dock street.



NOTICE.

I have 100 head Horses and Mules for the Christmas Trade. Come and buy while they are cheap.
Buggies and Harness at prices very low for the next few days.
Come and see me.

F. T. MILLS,
Corner Second and Princess.
Both 'Phones. dec 22 3t

Watch This Spot!

BANANAS,
ORANGES,
APPLES,
GRAPES,
NUTS,
FIGS, CANDIES.

Be sure to call and get prices before buying elsewhere.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
904 Princess street.
Inter-State 'Phone 123. dec 22 tf

- - CIGARS. - -

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
Representing Powell, Smith & Co.
We are distributors for their

El Capitan General,	10c.
Union League Club, -	10c.
Cuban Blossom, ----	5c.
Renown, ----------	5c.
Santa Bama, ------	5c.

"War Eagle," "Old Glory" and "Match It" Cheroots.

No matter how fine or how cheap a dealer's trade may be, the above brands are not to be surpassed. Give the smokers a chance at them and they will sell rapidly There are all kinds of goods, but the brands mentioned will whip the others to death. We are also dealers in all grades

TOBACCO . . .
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
PROVISIONS.
dec 10 tf

Crockery,

GLASSWARE, &c.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR

Libbey's Celebrated

Cut Glass

Our Motto, NO FANCY PRICES, will Be strictly carried out. And is a Safe Guarantee to you that you are Buying right.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.
nov 26 tf

WE HAVE EVERYTHING NICE AND FRESH FOR CHRISTMAS. REMEMBER US AS WE SHALL REMEMBER THE POOR.
PALACE BAKERY.
no 29 tf

Bagging & Ties.

Nuts, Candies, Raisins, Cocoanuts and Apples,

and a full line of

HEAVY GROCERIES.

For sale cheap by

WILLIAMS BROS.,
WHOLESALE GROCERS.
16 and 18 North Water street.
Write for Prices.

We will have Rice Straw during this week. dec 10 tf

NOTICE.

The following is the Ordinance in regard to the use of Fireworks and Firecrackers in the City of Wilmington, to which attention is hereby called, and which will be enforced, viz:

1. No Fireworks or Firecrackers OF ANY KIND are allowed AT ANY TIME WEST OF FRONT STREET.
2. No DYNAMITE Crackers can be used at ANY TIME ANYWHERE in the city limits.
3. Ordinary Firecrackers, not over two inches in length, and ordinary Fireworks, are permitted on the 23rd and 25th of December, on the 1st of January, and 4th of July, east of Front street.

By order of the Mayor.

E. G. PARMELE, Chief of Police.
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FOR SALE

A Desirable Building Lot on Princess street.
Also, a House and Lot on Orange street.

REAL ESTATE — W. M. CUMMING — NOTARY PUBLIC — N. C. — WILMINGTON

dec 6 tf

New Meat Market.

This is to inform the many friends of Mr. Johnnie Hintz that he has completed arrangements to go into the Meat Business under the firm name of J. H. Hintz & Co., on stalls Nos. and 4, north side of Market House, formerly occupied by C. S. Garrell & Co., where by polite attention and dispatch he hopes for a full share of the patronage of his old friends.

J. H. HINTZ.
Inter-State 'Phone 336, Bell 'Phone 138.
nov 24 tf

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday $5 00 a year, $2 50 for six months, $1 25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1 00; two days $1 75; three days $2 50; four days $3 00; five days $3 50; one week $4 00; two weeks $6 50; three weeks $8 87; one month $10 00; two months, $17 00; three months $24 00; six months $40 00; twelve months, $80 00 Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops Picnics, Society meetings Political Meetings &c, will be charged regular advertising rates.

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No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

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Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

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Advertisements kep under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22.

"A BUNGLING PIECE OF WORK."

The so-called currency bill, which passed the House of Representatives Monday, goes very far from giving satisfaction even to the gold standard organs, which find little to commend in it outside of the provision which establishes the gold standard. The New York *Sun*, one of the boldest and ablest of the Republican organs, thus comments on the bill and pays its respects to the financiers who rushed it through the House with less consideration than they would have given to a bill providing for an appropriation to some public measures:

"The passage, by the House of Representatives yesterday, of which is known as the Caucus Currency bill is an important event, not so much on account of the immediate results it will effect when it finally becomes a law, as for the evidence it affords of the resolve of the Republican party that henceforth the maintenance of the single gold standard shall be one of its cardinal principles, free from the delusive promise of international bimetallism, which marred the declaration in favor of gold made by the St. Louis Convention of 1896. The bill adds nothing to the force of the present law making gold the standard of value; and its provisions for protecting the Treasury gold reserve against depredation for current expenses will be efficacious only in the improbable event of a recurrence of deficiences of revenue, like those which happened in 1894, 1895 and 1896. Nevertheless it is well that it should be enacted, just now, on the eve of another Presidential election, since it will again, and, it is to be hoped, for the last time, bring before the people the issue between gold and silver, and require them to decide for gold.

The speeches made in the course of the debate upon the bill reveal a discouraging lack of knowledge of monetary science on the part of the defenders of gold, as well as on the part of the advocates of silver. The silverites as might be expected, merely repeated the worn out fallacies and misstatements which they have been using for the last twenty years, and yet none of their opponents answered them satisfactorily. Still, when it came to voting, the gold men voted right, and were joined by a select band of Democrats who have arrived at a correct conclusion, however poor may be the reasons that led to it.

"The bill now goes to the Senate, where it will be materially amended and returned to the House. A conference between the two bodies will then be called for and in that conference it is to be hoped that the bill will be purged of the crudities and imperfections which now disfigure it, and be reformed into symmetrical and logical shape. As it stands, it is a bungling piece of work, disgraceful in its details to the body which has passed it."

The Caucus (with a big C) Currency bill is a good name for it, for there is more caucus than currency in it. It was decided in caucus before it went into the House, decided before its opponents had the slightest hearing, and decided by a caucus of a party which does not represent a majority of the people of the United States by a good deal. And then after deciding to pass the bill they agreed to permit a formal debate, or rather talk, for it was no debate, limiting the discussion to one week, one week to discuss one of the most, if not *the* most important question that this Congress will have to deal with, a question in which every man, woman and child in the country is interested, and in the wise disposition of which the future prosperity of the country depends.

If the essential points of such a bill had been an issue before the country and the party endorsing them had been victorious there might have been some excuse for making it a party measure and giving it party support, but the essential point, which is the declaration for the gold standard, was not only not an issue, but the party which is now forcing it upon the country pledged itself for bimetallism, and that means, if it means anything, that it virtually pledged itself against the single gold standard, and therefore in the passage of this bill not only took snap judgment upon the people as a whole, but broke faith with the people who supported the platform of 1896 and voted for the party which adopted it as a double standard party. There isn't a Republican in the land who would have dared to go before the country three years ago with a declaration for the single gold standard and the nearest they would go to it was to declare that the parity of all our money must be maintained and every dollar made as good as any other dollar. All the parties were committed to that.

Now instead of asserting the parity between our different kinds of money they assert the disparity by declaring that gold only shall be money and every other form of currency, including silver, for which they professed so much friendship three years ago, merely representatives of money, which have value only in so far as they are declared redeemable in gold. Even the silver dollars, as well as the Treasury notes, are redeemable in gold, and here comes one of the strikingly peculiar features of this "bungling piece of work," as the *Sun* very appropriately characterizes it.

We have heard much of the "endless chain" by which the Treasury notes drew gold out of the Treasury, and then went back into circulation to draw more gold when the gold speculators wanted it. To get rid of the Treasury notes, and the "endless chain" was one of the objects of this bill. It provides for getting rid as soon as possible of the Treasury notes, by holding them in the Treasury when they are exchanged for gold and keeping them in unless gold is given in exchange for them, which will, as they calculated, be rarely if ever the case. But while getting rid of the Treasury note "endless chain" they make another endless chain that they can't get rid of without doing the impossible thing of getting rid of all the silver currency and locking that up. The gold speculators will, when they have no Treasury notes with which to draw gold from the Treasury, dump silver or silver or silver certificates on it and demand gold, which cannot be refused, for this currency bill gives them the right to do that, and to refuse to pay gold for them would be to acknowledge that the parity declaration was a fraud or that the Government cannot maintain the parity.

That is the predicament in which they have put themselves by this "bungling piece of work" and forged an endless chain compared with which the Treasury note "endless chain" isn't a circumstance, and one that with all their cunning and with all their contempt for and disregard of pledges they can never get rid of. A bungling piece of work may be a correct designation of this bill, but it is a mild one for such an utterly stupid and monstrous imposition upon the American people.

SHIPPING GOLD.

From the activity shown within the past week or so in gold shipments to Europe, the indications are that the drain will be heavy in the near future. With the extraordinary expenses which Great Britain must bear in her South Africa war, she will have need for gold and must draw it from other countries. There are few if any European countries which have much, if any to spare, for they are all looking ahead to the day that they may need it, and consequently they are hoarding instead of sending out.

This will, of course, make the European gold buyers look to this country, where we have been heralding the announcement that there is plenty of gold to spare, and will create a demand for our gold, and stimulate speculation in it. The result of that will be that gold will go up, that it will be withdrawn from circulation, and hoarded where it can be quickly reached when needed. And this is right on the eve of the game to force the single gold standard upon this country and make gold the only legal-tender, debt-paying money.

In the event the foreign demand for gold should reach any large proportions, of which there is a reasonable probability, what will be the effect of this upon the Government in meeting its obligations, and upon other debtors in meeting their obligations? With gold commanding a premium it will cease to flow into the Treasury as it has been doing for some time, and the Government will be forced to borrow and pay the premium. Issuing more gold bonds will be the result to keep up the reserve. Individuals and companies which have debts to pay will be forced to buy gold at a premium or pay the equivalent in some other kind of money agreed upon.

Thus it goes and thus we will pay the penalty of this monstrous legislation and this outrageous imposition on the American people. We have seen some of it already in the bank collapses North, and we will see more of it.

The population of Germany was when the last census was taken—June 14th, 1895—51,760,000, of whom 25,400,000 were males and 26,360,000 females. The population increases at the rate of about 1,000,000 a year. There is some excuse for Germany and other countries which are becoming overpopulated for seeking colonizing territory.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup The best remedy for Consumption. Cures Coughs, Colds, Grippe, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping-cough, Croup. Small doses; quick, sure results. *Dr. Bull's Pills cure Constipation. Trial, 20 for 5c.*

DESTROYING OUR FORESTS.

We have published much in these columns about the destruction of our Southern forests, and have urged people who own timber lands to husband them as one of the sources of future wealth. Scores of other papers in the South have done the same. What effect this may have had we do not know, but probably little, if any, if we may judge from the rapidity with which our timber lands are passing into the possession of lumbermen. There are few of us who have any idea of the extent of the havoc done upon our pine forests, but the following which we find in the Charleston *News and Courier* will give some idea:

"'These are sad days for the forests' in this part of the country, says the lumber editor of the *Dixie Magazine*. 'It is a glorious harvest for the lumbermen,' and is 'filling their pocketbooks,' but 'the sacrifice is great.' How great it is he explains:

"'A reasonable estimate of the pine cut from Southern forests during the first ten months of the present year would reach a total of seven hundred million feet. That is a deal too much to express in figures. Let me put it another way, for no one can realize the immensity of a million feet, to say nothing of seven hundred million. The vision of the mind's eye is limited. Let me say, then, that the Southern pine cut for the first ten months of 1899 amounted to eighty thousand carloads. If placed one after the other the cars would make a train reaching from Savannah to Cincinnati—seven hundred miles. Or, to put it in another way, if this lumber was cut into inch boards it would lay a board walk ten feet wide around the world—a matter of seventeen thousand miles.'

"'This represents the destruction effected in only ten months, and the rate of slaughter is "increasing every day." The end is not distant, of course.'"

There is scarcely a day that announcement is not made of the sale (if sale it can be called) of some immense tract of timber land, at a merely nominal price. A few days ago we noted the sale in Northern Florida, of 600,000 acres, at the beggarly price of one dollar an acre. This was land owned by a railroad company which was doubtless induced to make the sale at the figures by the prospect of the money it would make in hauling the cut lumber to market.

If that land was adapted to cultivation, divided up into tracts for farms, and the timber preserved, it would be some day in the near future worth millions of dollars. This is but an illustration of the many that are constantly occurring, showing how our forests are passing into other hands, and how our people are parting with for a trifle, which if held would become immensely valuable.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

The trust advocates and defenders deny that the trusts raise prices any more than they are compelled to raise them by the increased cost of the raw materials they use and the advance in the wages of workmen. Every intelligent person who gives any attention to market reports knows that this is a fraud, and that the prices of many articles have been increased out of all proportion to the increased cost of production, even when there was increased cost, and they know, too, than the advance in wages is a mere cipher in comparison with the increased prices. As one illustration, of many that might be cited, we clip the following from the Charlotte *Observer* because it is a home case, so to speak:

"Some days ago it was published in the dispatches that the Supreme Court of the United States had decided, in a case from Tennessee, that the combine of iron pipe manufacturers was a violation of the anti-trust law, as being in restraint of commerce between the States, thus knocking out the pipe trust. One of our readers, a business man, seeing this, writes the *Observer*, calling its attention to three invoices of steam pipe, as follows: In October, 1898, cost $2 60 per 100 feet for 1 inch pipe; March, 1899, $3 00; July, 1899, $8 06 per 100 feet—an advance of 200 per cent. in eight months. Our correspondent remarks that 'it is getting time to call a halt.' Certainly it looks from these figures a good deal that way."

This is nothing short of sheer robbery. Tin-plate has more than doubled in price and yet the tin-plate manufactories report large dividends, as all the trusts do which have been engaged in this plunder of the people, while pretending that they are forced to raise prices to protect themselves.

— She—"What is the term applied to one who signs another person's name to a check?" He—"Five or ten years usually."—*Chicago News.*

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Mechias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. W. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia. But she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and $100. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S, drug store.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: The sudden death of Mr. Needham J. Smith occurred at his residence in this city Monday night at 10 o'clock, or heart disease, aged 58 years. Mr. Smith left his store as usual, went home, and a few minutes after retiring he expired.

— Newbern *Journal*: A branch of five Japanese persimmons was brought in by W. A. Arthur from near Askins, which were grown by him. They are very large and on the tree, which is a small one, there were over two hundred persimmons. The tree is a draft on native stock, four years old.

Winston *Journal*: Messrs. C. A. Hege & Co., of Selma received a silver medal and diploma for their superior exhibit of coffee machinery at the National Export Exposition at Philadelphia, Pa. The exposition was under the auspices of the Philadelphia Museum and the Franklin Institute. The silver medal was the highest offered.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Miss Evelyn Bailey of the State Normal and Industrial College, died Wednesday morning of typhoid fever. She was a sister of the Miss Bailey who died some weeks ago of the same disease. Both girls were from Mocksville, N. C. There is only one serious case at the Normal now, that of Miss Davis, and hope is entertained for her recovery.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Rev. R. C. Sandling lost a barn containing two stacks of fodder Saturday night. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. There is talk of getting bloodhounds here to track up barn-burners.

—— Mr. F. T. Atkins lost a large barn containing about 500 bushels of corn and the seed from ten bales of cotton by fire Sunday night. The barn was located on his Six Runs farm near Fryar's Bridge. The loss is about $400, with no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Walter Springs, colored, shot and killed Sam Blount, also colored, Tuesday night about 9 30 o'clock. The two negroes were at the house of Hattie Gibson, colored, on the corner of Twelfth and Davidson streets. They fell out about the woman and went out into the yard to settle their dispute. When they stepped into the yard Springs pulled his pistol and fired five times Only one took effect, but it did the work. The ball passed through Blount's heart, killing him instantly. The police were sent for, but the slayer had escaped by the time they reached the scene.

— Winston *Sentinel*; Some of the members of Shiloh Baptist church, colored, just east of Winston, swore out a warrant Tuesday against their pastor, Rev. Lawson Galloway, and the church secretary, B. Hairston, charging them with perjury. It appears that there are two factions in the church and two boards of trustees. Parson Galloway and his side took out claim and delivery papers before 'Squire Bessent yesterday and took charge of the church property. Will Haizlipp and members of the other faction claim that Lawson and his side swore falsely in order to get possession of the church.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The people of Porto Rico are certainly as much entitled to their "independence" as the people of Hayti, or of St. Domingo, or of Cuba, or of the United States themselves, and are as certainly far better fitted for self-government than the Haytians, the Dominicans the Cubans or the Filipinos. The anti-expansionists in Congress might do well to crack the West Indian nut before trying their strength on the Philippine boulder. — *Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— Senator Hanna has made himself solid with the black delegates from the South to the National Convention. Throwing himself into the breach made by Committeeman Payne, he has successfully defended the colored politicians from their enemy and saved them their jobs. But the probabilities are that the jobs of the colored delegats to the approaching convention will not furnish as rich pickings as have been known in the past. Times are always better with them when there is a close contest before the convention.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Senator Hoar is right. We blundered terribly in the beginning of our dealings with the Filipinos, but it is not too late to retrieve our errors. We have paid dearly for them in blood and treasure; but if Congress will approach the question in a patriotic, instead of a partisan spirit, all may yet be ordered for the best. However, this is a great deal to expect of a modern Congress. Its dealings will, of course, be with the Filipino people in general, not with the remains of a small faction led by Aguinaldo.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Approved: Mamma—"Well, how do you like your new dolly?" Ethel (ecstatically)—"Oh, mamma! Santa Claus has such good taste!"—*Puck.*

— Bill—"That man seems to be above fighting." Jill—"Yes; he is most of the time. He belongs to the war-balloon corps."—*Yonkers States man.*

— "This is Mrs. Gushleigh's portrait, is it?" said the caller. "I should hardly have recognized it. The chin doesn't look at all like hers." "Perhape," suggested Mr. Gushleigh, "you have never seen her chin in response."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— His Specialty—Sister Jackson—"'Stead ob sperinsin' religion so of'en, Mose, yo' mought spend some ob yo' time gettin' odd jobs ter help suppo't de family." Mose—"What yo' spec, Tilda? We all on us has different talents. Yo' has yo's, and I has mine."—*Puck.*

— The Difference: Mr. Gadaway (looking up from his paper)—"I have just been reading an item which says that in China a man never sees his wife before they are married." Mrs Gadaway (acridly)—"Yes, and in this country a wife never sees her husband after they are married."—*Judge.*

Electric Belt on Trial.

To introduce it and obtain agents, the undersigned firm will send a few of their Electric Belts on trial on the following terms: $1.00 to be paid in ten days if the Belt proves beneficial, and the balance, $2.00, to be paid in sixty days if the Belt effects a cure. These Belts are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney trouble, Stomach and Liver trouble, Asthma, etc. Address at once

GERMAN ELECTRIC AGENCY,
† P. O. Box 1874, New York, N. Y.

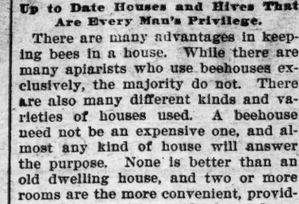
A BEE TALK.

Up to Date Houses and Hives That Are Every Man's Privilege.

There are many advantages in keeping bees in a house. While there are many apiarists who use beehouses exclusively, the majority do not. There are also many different kinds and varieties of houses used. A beehouse need not be an expensive one, and almost any kind of house will answer the purpose. None is better than an old dwelling house, and two or more rooms are the more convenient, provided they have an outside face of one end or side, or both.

Perhaps a two room house with one partition is the best. Such a house with two ordinary sized rooms, say 14 feet square, will give 112 feet of outside surface, but take off 12 feet for doors, etc., and the 100 feet left will accommodate 50 colonies of bees by setting the hives two feet apart from center to center, which will give ample working room. The entrances are cut through to the outside and made to correspond to the entrance to the hives. The hives may be set directly on the floor, but I would prefer them set on the usual bottom boards, nailed to cleats at each end, that would raise the hive some four inches from the floor, this for the purpose of chaff packing in winter. Bees thus kept in a house are very easily prepared for winter, and the extra protection thus afforded brings them through the winter in prime order.

A very cheap beehouse and a very convenient one that I have used and which I make exclusively for bees is a small house 10 feet long, 6 feet wide and 6 feet high. This building accommodates 11 colonies, and the expense does not exceed $1 per colony. This is no more than chaff hives will cost for each colony outside. Floor space



LATEST HIVES COMPLETE.

for the hives to rest on only is used, as a ground floor in the center is preferred. The objection to a much longer house on the same plan is that it is not convenient to move, and also that bees become more or less confused where so many entrances are close together and all have the same appearance. This has always been the objection to beehouses, but small buildings such as these, located around at different places, overcome this objection.

In addition to the foregoing paragraphs by A. H. Duff of Kansas, The Farm, Field and Fireside illustrates the latest style of hives, with the statement that they are no man's private property, but about every beekeeper's furniture, used now almost exclusively by all specialists. No. 1 is a hive arranged for comb honey with two supers, each containing 24 one pound section boxes, thus saving a surplus capacity of 48 pounds. The brood chamber contains eight of the standard frames. Hive No. 2 is simply two brood chambers, the upper set of frames used for extracting honey.

A Handy Device.

In making a husking horse an Ohio Farmer correspondent employs a pair of old wheels of convenient size, an

FOR HUSKING AND FODDER CARTING.

axle of gas pipe the desired length and two pieces 1 by 3 and 10 feet long for sides. These are made up like a wheelbarrow. Then he puts uprights in a slant over the wheels. You can husk on one end and pile the fodder on the other end. He uses it for carting fodder from one shock to the other and has hauled five shocks at once on it. It is very handy in winter, when feeding when the ground is frozen, to wheel fodder or straw on.

Nitrogen For Grass.

The Rhode Island experiment station affirms that two points are well illustrated by its recent experiments as to the effect of nitrogen on grass and clover:

1. In order to secure large crops of grass, considerable quantities of immediately assimilable nitrogen, preferably in the form of nitrate, must be at hand early in the season. The earliness of the application is an important feature in a dry season like that during a part of May and June in the year 1899.

2. Good crops of clover can be grown upon limed land without an artificial supply of nitrogen. This was also demonstrated here in a former experiment.

News and Notes.

At the recent meeting of the American Pomological society the committee on new native fruits reported as among the most promising kinds: Apples, the Canajoharie, Pride of the Hudson, Koffman's June and the Pride of Tennessee; peaches, the Worcester, Evans and Dewey; grapes, Brown's Seedling and the Charlton; strawberries, the Gibson, Seaford and Hall; the blackcap raspberry, Evans.

From all sections of the commercial onion belt fine and exceptionally heavy yields are reported, and the onion crop as a whole rates as one of the biggest ever harvested.

Some of the authorities claim that the apple crop is about one-third of a full crop.

Sulphur mixed with land plaster is advocated by the scientists for onion smut.

Mixed Curds.

On this side of the Kentucky river, in this county, lives a man named Joe Curd. On the other side of the stream lives a man named Joe Curd, he being a nephew of the Joe Curd living on this side of the river. Many years ago they married sisters. Both now have grandchildren. A man out here offers a chromo to any one who can unravel the relationship existing between the grandchildren of Joe Curd, Sr., and his nephew, Joe Curd, Jr., and vice versa.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

The Man Who Was "Gone."

In a case which recently came up for hearing a certain witness was called. On the mention of his name a man rose up and said, "He's gone." "Where is he gone?" said the judge. "It is his duty to be here." "My lord," was the solemn reply, "I wadna care to commit mysel' as to whaur he's gone, but he's deid."—Scottish Life and Humor, by W. Sinclair.

All Held Something.

A hot poker game was played in one of our saloons one night between a Chinaman, a cowboy and one of our leading doctors. The Chinaman held four aces, the cowboy held a gun and the doctor held an inquest on the Chinaman.—Ballard (Wash.) Union.

The greatest height ever reached in a balloon was 26,160 feet. Two of the three aeronauts who made this ascent were suffocated.

Beggars are unknown in Melbourne. The poorest part of the city is the Chinese quarter.

In the East childlessness is considered a curse from the gods. It is a pathetic sight to see some childless Hindoo mother prostrate before an idol, imploring that the curse of childlessness may be taken away.

Are we much wiser than the heathen? Thousands of childless women are not as they suppose under Nature's ban, but are suffering from a diseased condition of the delicate feminine organs. It may be debilitating drains or female weakness, and perhaps an ulcerated and inflamed condition of the parts. In any case the diseased condition must be removed and a healthy condition established before the maternal function can be fulfilled.

Many a mother acknowledges her debt to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and to its inventor Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., who invites the sick to write and consult him without charge. "Favorite Prescription" promptly allays irritation, heals ulceration, checks the debilitating drains, cures female weakness and the accompanying bearing down pains. It gives vitality and elasticity to the organs peculiary feminine, and establishes the natural conditions which make for the easy birth of healthy children.

There is nothing just as good *for you* as "Favorite Prescription." Don't be put off with a substitute.

"I have never written you how grateful I am to you for your help in securing good health and one of the sweetest, dearest thirteen pound girls that ever came into a home," writes Mrs. M. Vastine, of 647 South Liberty St., Galesburg, Ill. "When I wrote you about my ailments I was living in Richland, Iowa. I took six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, four of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Before I had taken four bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' I was a new woman. I cannot make pen describe my heartfelt gratitude."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the stomach, liver and bowels.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		6½@	6¾
Standard		6¾@	6¾
Burlaps		5 @	5½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔		10½ @	15
Sides ℔		5½@	6
Shoulders ℔		@	6
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔		6 @	6½
Shoulders ℔		@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		1 15 @	1 20
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔		@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M		5 00 @	7 00
Northern		9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔		18 @	20
Northern		27 @	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		46 @	47½
Virginia Meal		@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ D—			
Sperm		18 @	25
Adamantine		8 @	11
CHEESE—℔ D—			
Northern Factory		16 @	18
Dairy Cream		@	18
State		14 @	15
COFFEE—℔ D—			
Laguyra		13 @	16
Rio		8 @	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen		18 @	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel		22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl		11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel		16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl		8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel		13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		3 75 @	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg		3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ D		5 @	10
" Extra		4 35 @	4 50
FLOUR ℔ B—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight		3 75 @	3 90
First Patent		4 25 @	4 50
GLUE—℔ D		12½@	15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		52 @	53½
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store		38 @	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		60 @	75
HIDES—℔ D—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		10 @	12½
Dry salt		@	19
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay		85 @	90
Rice Straw		40 @	50
Eastern		80 @	85
Western		80 @	85
North River		80 @	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ D		3½@	4
LARD, ℔ D—			
Northern		6 @	6½
North Carolina		8 @	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		1 15 @	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed		18 00 @	20 00
Rough edge Plank		15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality		13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned		18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n		14 00 @	15 00
Common mill		5 00 @	6 50
Fair mill		6 50 @	8 00
Prime mill		8 50 @	10 00
Extra mill		10 00 @	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		28 @	30
Porto Rico, in barrels		25 @	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads		12 @	14
Sugar House, in barrels		14 @	15
Syrup, in barrels		15 @	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		2 50 @	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		10 00 @	10 50
Rump		@	9 50
Prime		@	9 00
ROPE ℔ D		10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		90 @	95
American		85 @	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M		5 00 @	6 50
Common		1 60 @	2 25
Cypress Sawed		2 50 @	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ D—Standard Gran'd		5½@	5½
Standard A		4½@	5
White Extra C		@	4⅝
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4⅝
SOAP, ℔ D—Northern		3½@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel		6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		9 00 @	10 00
Mill, Prime		7 50 @	8 75
Mill, Fair		6 50 @	7 00
Common Mill		5 00 @	6 00
Inferior to ordinary		3 50 @	5 00
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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per barrel for strained and $1 15 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 40½@40c; rosin, nothing doing; tar active at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30@2 30, $2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	69
Rosin	441
Tar	1,061
Crude turpentine	228

Receipts same day last year.—81 casks spirits turpentine, 172 bbls rosin, 918 bbls tar, 85 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 9-16 cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	5 15-16 " "
Low middling	6 9-16 " "
Middling	7 " "
Good middling	7⅜ " "

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—265 bales; same day last year, 489.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1.05. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm; 52 to 52½ cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Money on call was steady at 3 to 7 per cent., last loan at 4 per cent., ruling rate 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady; actual business in bankers' bills 487½@487¾ for demand and 480¾@480⅞ for sixty days. Posted rates 481½@482 and 488@488½. Commercial bills 480¼@480¾. Silver certificates 58¾@59½. Bar silver 59. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds strong. State bonds weak. Railroad bonds weak. U S 2's, reg'd, 102½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110¾; do. coupon, 110¾; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 133½; do. coupon, 133½; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 114½; do coupon, 115½; U. S. 5's, registered, 113; do. coupon, 113; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 107; Southern Railway 5's 107. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 49¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 28¾; Manhattan L 89⅜; New York Central 127¾; Reading 16⅞; do. 1st preferred 46½; St. Paul 114⅜; do. preferred 164; Southern Railway 10⅞; do. preferred 50½; American Tobacco, 87½; do. preferred 130; People's Gas 92¾; Sugar 121½; do preferred 112; T. C. & Iron 75½; U. S. Leather 12½; do. preferred 68; Western Union 85¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 51½@52c.

CHARLESTON, December 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48c; sales — casks; no receipts. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, December 21.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 48¼c; sales 378 casks; receipts 571 casks; exports 5,156 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2,307 barrels; receipts 4,253 barrels; exports 6,012 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The cotton market was fairly active to day, but the approaching holidays led to caution. Evening up accounts was preferred to making new ventures. The extreme range of prices was a matter of eight points. The caution of traders was increased by unsatisfactory reports from Wall street. After opening barely steady at a decline of four to eight points, following disapp

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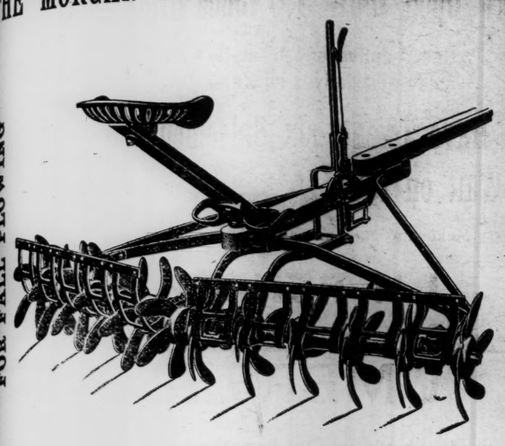

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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971 54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from approved reserve agts	$ 79 160 58	
Due from other banks	169 160.99	
Cash on hand	79,33..5	—327,6 2 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Reserved for taxes		41,040.00
Deposits-U. S. Treas	$ 50.000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207 693 55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000 00	—1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profits	76,200	87,500	101,784
Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.			

LAST Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892

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The Murchison National Bank.

Commenced Business March 1st, 1899.

Capital, - - - - $200,000
Net Profits, - - - 15,000

Deposits Nov. 7th, $3 3,835.18 every dollar of which is secured by Two Dollars, as follows:

ASSETS.

Cash in vault and in other banks	$368,830 50	
Secured loans and discounts	282 349 72	
U. S. bonds and other cash assets	16 850 00	
Stockholders' liability	20 000.00	
		$768,030.22

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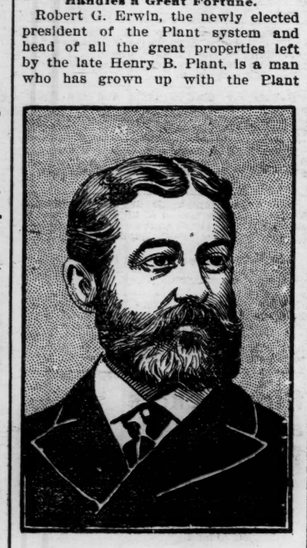
The great wall of China is to be torn down. The immense barrier, which was built more than 2,000 years ago to keep the barbarian hordes of north-

NANKOW GATEWAY THROUGH GREAT WALL.

ern Asia from overrunning the Chinese empire and which for 20 centuries has been one of the wonders of the world, must go. The granite and brick which kept back the savage tribesmen of the north are to be made into dikes for the turbulent Yang-tse-Kiang.

Handles a Great Fortune.

Robert G. Erwin, the newly elected president of the Plant system and head of all the great properties left by the late Henry B. Plant, is a man who has grown up with the Plant



ROBERT G. ERWIN.

fortune. He first became connected with Mr. Plant in the capacity of railroad counsel and for the last nine years has acted as his legal and confidential adviser, holding the office of vice president of the investment company.

A Noted Slum Worker.

One of the most unique reform movements in the country is that conducted by the Church Army, which has established tea saloons in New

MISS SARA WRAY.

York. Active in the work is Miss Sara Wray, who is directress of the women's work of the Church Army. She was for years a worker in the London slums.

Crack English Shot.

The young man who in the accompanying picture squints at you through the sights of his rifle is the best shot in

SERGEANT WOOD.

all the English volunteer brigades, which correspond, by the way, to our national guard. He is Sergeant Wood, and he is a member of the South Staffordshire regiment. He recently made a remarkable score in the competition for the Duke of York's cup.

A Boston Collector.

"He is not in," said Mrs. Shortly to the collector.

"Madam, I know he is not in," said the collector. "What I want to know is—has he any?"—Baltimore News.

A Man Who Knows a Lot.

He can tell you what the time is at the Sunday
Islands when
The clock is striking nine at Liverpool;
He can give you all the facts concerning Cortes
And his men,
He was always taking medals when at school,
But
His clothes are old and torn,
And his manner is forlorn;
He says that life's a failure at the best.
Once the brightest boy in town,
He is ragged now and down,
And a hopeless heart is beating in his breast.

He can quote you scenes from "Timon," he is full
of ancient lore,
He can name the constellations in the sky;
He can tell you just how far it is from here to
Singapore,
How all the wars were waged and when and
why,
But
In spite of all he knows
He is full of wants and woes,
He finds the world a cold and cruel place,
And he drags along the street
As if weights were on his feet,
And something more than time has marred his
face.

He can talk on any subject with a glibness that is
fine;
Ask for dates, and he will tell them right away.
His memory is marvelous—in fact, it is "a mine
Of useful information," so they say,
But
His clothes are old and torn,
And his manner is forlorn;
There's a blossom brightly blooming on his beaks
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He is ragged now and down,
With a dirty growth of stubbles on his cheek.

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They Want Philadelphia.

Notice has been sent to Mayor Ashbridge of Philadelphia that the heirs of John W. Miller desire to take possession of Philadelphia at once. "The order," says The Record, "was peremptory and couched in forcible legal language, and the presumption is that T. V. Roberts, who signed the letter as attorney, is a very young man. The circumstances, briefly rehearsed in the letter, are these: John W. Miller owned the ground on which this city is now built and disposed of it in a 99 years' lease, dated in June, 1800. This lease must have expired in June, 1899, says Mr. Roberts, and he appears quite surprised that the property was not promptly turned over to his clients.

"The mayor sent a reply to the effect that the question had been referred to the city solicitor, but as the movements of the city solicitor's office are slow and Mr. Roberts is a man of action it is possible that he may appear any day and proceed to dispossess the million and a quarter people who occupy his clients' premises."

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:30 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:55 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A.M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:52 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 P.M., Richmond 9:00 P M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:38 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:35 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 8:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7:40 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M. Arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M. Arrives Hamlet 6:30 P. M.

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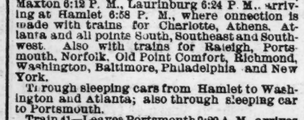

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Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar.....Wilmington.....Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Lv	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv.....Rural Hall.....Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv.....Mt. Airy.....Ar	7 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 54.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 55.
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.....Maxton.....Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv.....Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv.....Hope Mills.....Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 33 p m

No. 46		No. 47.
South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	North Bound Mixed Daily ex Sunday.
3 30 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 40 a m
3 30 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Ar	8 35 a m
2 40 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.....Madison.....Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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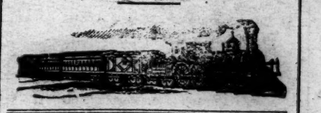

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.25 P M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.58 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.33 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P M Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M. Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., arrives Sanford 1 48 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York †9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 3.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.59 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 10.40 A. M No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11 33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.18 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.21 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.35 A M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.15 P M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 5.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.06 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 05 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 P. M., Greenville 5.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.33 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.35 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C. 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 2.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M. 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 5.55 P. M., Nashville 11.32 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 5.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.25 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.15 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.35 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.0 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 8.20 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9 15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.05 P M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.32 P. M., 1.21 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.30 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.52 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M. 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.35 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.08 P M Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 3.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899. at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
3 Pass'g'r Trains		STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22.

CONCERNING FREIGHT RATES.

Interstate Commerce Commission Investigating Complaints of Discriminating Charges.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—A hearing was begun to day by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the matter of changes in freight classification and advances in freight rates by carriers using the official classification.

Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging that discriminating changes in freight classification by carriers have been agreed upon, to take effect on January 1st, 1900. To determine this question the hearing of to day was held.

At the opening of the hearing Mr. C. E Gill, of New York, chairman of the official classification committee, said the railroads were without knowledge of the persons who had requested the hearing, and asked that they be called upon to state wherein the proposed changes were unjust. Mr. Gill maintained that the proposed advances in freight rates were due to the increased cost of railroad plants and maintenance, and the advances had been applied to classes of freights that could well pay them.

In the course of a long examination by Mr. W. A Day, attorney for the commission, Mr. Gill gave no reasons for the proposed advances upon special articles or classes of freight except the general reasons which applied to all freight.

Judge C. A. Prouty, a member of the commission, instituted a line of inquiry, the questions or the answers indicating that in 1887 the railroads paid more for steel rails and other articles than they had to pay now. In view of these facts, he desired to know why the classification committee deemed it necessary to increase the rates. Mr. Gill replied, as he had previously, that in the judgment of the committee, articles on which advances were made could well stand them and that the railroads needed the additional revenue which the advances would give them.

Mr. F. S. Monnett, attorney general of Ohio, questioned Mr. Gill as to the cost of shipping petroleum, endavoring to elicit from him some statement to the effect that the Standard Oil Company was favored by the railroads at the expense of the small shippers Mr. Monnett said that on less than carload lots of petroleum the proposed classification increased the rate 269 per cent., depending on the distance. This, he said, was a discrimination which would break up the small shipper. Mr. Gill explained that his committee had nothing to do with the carload rates on petroleum.

Without reaching any conclusion, the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Heavy Liquidation—The Principal Selling Pressure From London—The Money Difficulty Abroad.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The stock market had to carry another heavy load of liquidation to day. The principal selling pressure came from London, where the money difficulty was aggravated by renewed apprehensions over the safety of the British columns in South Africa and the advance in the official discount rate of the Bank of France. Much importance seemed to be attached to the latter action as an obstacle to the acquirement of gold by the Bank of England. London's pressure upon Paris was reflected in a jump of four centimes in the sterling exchange rate at Paris. Forced liquidation on the London Exchange was on a large scale and overflowed to the New York market. The international stocks were acutely depressed at the opening and were not able to make any substantial headway all day. In the last hour there was renewed selling of this group, which forced down prices all through the railroads from one-half to five points, the extreme decline being in Northwestern.

The leading specialties were also at the low point of the day in the last hour. The bears were active in the late drive and circulated stories of a panic in London on account of fresh disaster to the British arms in South Africa.

THE DEATH OF GEN. LAWTON.

Official Announcement by the War Department—The Relief Fund for Benefit of the General's Family.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—A general order was issued from the War Department to day announcing to the army the death of Major General Henry W. Lawton. After recounting General Lawton's military service, the order goes on to say:

"The flag will be placed at half staff and thirteen minute guns will be fired at every military post and station on the day after the receipt of this order, and the usual badges of mourning will be worn for thirty days."

Relief Fund for the Family.

Adjutant General Corbin, the head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late General Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and of willingness to co operate from all quarters of the country. Some of these are accompanied by contributions of money, and altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeal issued yesterday. The committee aims to collect at least $25,000.

Lieutenant Charles R. Edwards, who was temporarily acting as General Lawton's chief-of-staff, has been instructed by the Secretary of War to superintend the transportation of General Lawton's remains and accompany them to this country.

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THERE IS STILL NO DEFINITE NEWS

Regarding the Operations of the British Forces in the War in South Africa.

BULLER'S CASUALTY LIST.

The Total in the Affair at Colenso Much Larger Than Original Estimates—Aristocracy of England Volunteering for Service.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 4:45 A. M.—There is still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable working is choked with official dispatches.

Gen. Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published, shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than Gen. Buller's original estimate.

Royal letters, signed by the Queen, are being circulated by the Archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses, authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7th in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

Preparations for Reinforcements.

Interest centers for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements. The various city guilds have given an additional £12,000 for the expenses of the Imperial volunteers, besides gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia. The latest notable volunteers include two nephews of Major Charles Sherston and Major Maxwell Sherston. Their brother was killed at Glencoe.

The admiralty have decided to dispatch another naval brigade of seven hundred men to South Africa.

It is believed that in mobilizing the Eighth Division, the War Office will have recourse to some extent to the militia, it being deemed inadvisable to denude the home garrisons over much of regulars.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expenditures.

According to a dispatch from Cape Town, there is a good deal of distress in the Orange Free State, owing to a scarcity of grain.

For Service in South Africa.

LONDON, December 21.—The Duke of Marlborough, who is a lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Yeomanry and who has volunteered for service in South Africa, will take with him 150 men and horses of his troop. He will personally furnish the equipment for these men.

The Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Dudley, the Earl of Lonsdale and Viscount Galway, are among the other members of the aristocracy who have volunteered for service in the campaign against the Boers.

Advices From Methuen.

The War Office has received the following from General Forestier-Walker, the British commander at Cape Town:

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday, December 20.—Methuen wires that he had received a rude reply from General Cronje respecting his representations as to Lieutenant Chandos-Polo Gell, saying that this officer is regarded as a spy. General Cronje also states he will hold no further communication with Methuen."

The Colenso Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Belated stories from Chievely camp, Natal, all concur in saying that the British did marvels in an impossible situation. The oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with the bravery of the men and officers. The naval contingent created an immense furore, engaging the Boers single handed and hailing shrapnel and lyddite shells on the fortifications north of the town, in a vain effort to silence the murderous fire of the Boers, while the British forced the passage of the river.

The advance of the Second brigade along the road leading to the bridge, in the face of a deadly fusilade, is described as magnificent. The British forced their way across the fire scene under a perfect storm of bullets from the invisible Boers. The patter of the bullets on the dry plain, it is added, raised the dust like heavy rain drops on water.

The Queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill health, and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting these stories appears in the papers, which add that it has never been her Majesty's habit to "display grief like a hysterical school girl."

Ladysmith Holds Out.

LONDON, December 22.—The *Daily Mail* says: "We understand that news has arrived from General White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated. The troops are described as in good spirits and anxious to fight.

LORD ROBERTS' MESSAGE.

British Newspaper Comment—A Welcome Expression of National Sentiment.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 22.—The morning papers give prominence to Lord Roberts' message and most of them comment editorially upon it.

The *Times* says: "In an admirable message to America and Canada, Lord Roberts has given an adequate and welcome expression to our national sentiments."

The *Daily Telegraph* says: "We feel sure the message will be welcomed both in the United States and Canada. Lord Roberts describes in appropriate words what all Englishmen feel. There is nothing like adversity to test the value of our friends, and the sympathy of the United States and the magnificent devotion of our colonies stand out in strong contrast with the cold carping and envy of some continental nations."

The *Standard* says: "The British Empire is on its metal and is giving the world a hint as to the extent of its latest resources in fighting material. Nowhere is the demonstration watched with more interest, and, we believe, with more satisfaction, than among our kinsmen in the United States, whose sympathy will be still further aroused by Lord Roberts' admirable message."

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PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT.

For the Triumph of the Democratic Party in 1900—Chairman Jones' Views. Bryan the Candidate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, looked into party affairs at headquarters, in the Unity Building, to-day. He assured everybody that the prospects for Democratic success next year are brighter than they were in 1896. He said that only William Jennings Bryan would be mentioned as candidate for President in the convention. The Senator would not say when or where he thought the convention should be held. With reference to next year's contest, the Senator said:

"No doubt the convention will re-affirm the Chicago platform. It will declare against imperialism and in favor of regulating trusts. I think, too, that it will condemn the efforts, which have become too common, to control elections by the use of money. In my opinion the passage of the bill establishing the gold standard will aid us greatly."

The Senator said he never saw such a diversity of opinion as to where the nominee for Vice President should come from.

IN THE WEST INDIES.

Unprecedented Drafting of French Troops. British Forces to be Augmented.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

KINGSTON, JA., December 21.—Owing to the growing seriousness of the South African war prospects and particularly the probable withdrawal of the Imperial garrisons from the colonies, coincident with the unprecedented drafting of French troops to the West Indies, a proposal is afloat to augment the British West Indian militia forces to the fullest possible strength, if necessary, under special conscription. It is proposed to increase Jamaica's forces from one regiment of eight hundred men to possibly twenty-four regiments, as in 1836, the exigencies of the present situation being regarded as of an exceptionally grave and menacing character.

RACE TROUBLE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Fight Between Whites and Negroes Near Meridian—Three White Men Shot.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MERIDIAN, MISS., December 21.—Word has reached this city of a fight between parties of whites and blacks on the Kemper county overland road, about six miles north. One white man (Oscar Ford) was mortally wounded and two others were seriously injured. It appears that the whites were without arms while each of the negroes was armed with a revolver. The two parties met on the highway and a dispute over which was entitled to the right of way precipitated the difficulty A posse, consisting of the sheriff and twenty five deputies, is being organized to go in search of the murderous blacks. There is much excitement.

WARM WIRELETS.

Comptroller Dawes has appointed Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing temporary receiver of the insolvent National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts.

The secretary of the treasury has approved applications from national banks for deposit of public funds under his recent offer, to the amount of about $15,000,000.

John F. Tyrrell, the Milwaukee expert on handwriting, was on the stand nearly all day in the trial of Roland Molinuex. The testimony of Tyrrell was entirely technical,

Li Hung Chang has been appointed acting viceroy of Canton, China. It is believed this is preparatory to his degradation, in compliance with the French demands

Congressman Boutelle, of Maine, is suffering from congestion of the brain, induced by a severe attack of indigestion. It is the opinion of physicians that the malady is only temporary.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has extended to August 1st, 1900, the period within which common carriers must comply with requirements of the safety appliance law in using brakes on freight cars.

Official figures in the annual report of the secretary of state of South Carolina show that during the present year 26 cotton mills were chartered and commissioned in that State with a capital stock of $5,650,000.

Jas. D. Taylor, secretary and treasurer of the Wagner Palace Car Company, of New York, committed suicide at the Graton Hotel in Washington, D. C., by cutting his throat with a razor. He was suffering from mental depression.

Work on buildings of the big fish and ice company, capitalized at $1,000,000, has begun at Punta Gorda, Fla The company is composed of Pennsylvania capitalists. Their purpose is to send nine hundred car loads of fish a year to Northern and Western points.

Bishop Henry M Turner, of Georgia, was refused a berth on a sleeping car on the Central railroad in Atlanta. The road has an arbitrary rule that no colored person shall ride in the sleeping cars between Atlanta and Savannah or any branch lines of the company.

The North Carolina Association in Washington, D. C., has inaugurated a movement looking to the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Gen. Robt. E. Lee. The association will give a ball and banquet January 12th for the purpose of raising funds for the monument.

Major General Leonard Wood formally took charge of the Governor General's office in Havana yesterday. His first act was to accept the resignation of the members of the advisory cabinet of General Brooke. Almost without exception they had rendered themselves particularly obnoxious to a majority of the Cubans.

Governor Candler, of Georgia, has vetoed a bill passed by both Houses of the General Assembly providing for the practice in that State of osteopathy. Physicians contend that osteopaths know nothing of materia medica, while they would be given the right to prescribe medicine, the same as any regularly licensed physician, should the bill become operative.

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FIGHT AGAINST THE SEABOARD.

Judge Purnell Refuses to Grant Application for a Restraining Order.

MADE BY RYAN INTEREST.

Statement Read by Counsel From John Skelton Williams — Consolidation Plans of the Syndicate—Meeting of Stockholders.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—Upon application this morning of the attorneys for Thos. F. Ryan, a restraining order was issued by United States District Judge Thos. R. Purnell, to prevent any action of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad stockholders, looking toward the consolidation here to-day of the various lines of the Seaboard Air Line system.

A few hours later Judge Purnell granted the parties hearing and revoked the temporary restraining order in a written judgment, as follows:

"The order inadvertently signed this morning is revoked and the service thereof held to be invalid. In the exercise of a sound judicial discretion the restraining order is refused."

Upon the charge of Mr. Ryan's counsel that the interests of his client would be irreparably jeopardized by the consolidation plans of the Williams syndicate, Judge Watts, general counsel of the Seaboard Air Line, read the following dispatch from President John Skelton Williams to Thomas F. Ryan, under date of December 12th:

"We have already submitted all the offers, suggestions and propositions that any fair-minded man could reasonably desire, including propositions for the arbitration by court or disinterested persons of the differences between us, and we have nothing further to propose. Our efforts to secure a peaceable solution of the question have been in no way reciprocated by you, but you have appeared to be determined to place in the way of this great enterprise which means so much for this whole section of country, every obstacle within your power, directly and indirectly. At the solicitation of yourself or your attorneys meetings were postponed, hoping that an adjustment might possibly be reached, and your attorneys have endeavored to make capital out of these adjournments by securing the sending out of newspaper reports intimating that these adjournments were forced upon us by your opposition. Your attorney visited a newspaper office in Norfolk Saturday night and succeeded in having sent out over the wires a false statement to the effect that you had 'held up' the meeting which was held in Raleigh on Saturday by your 'unexpected opposition,' whereas, our programme for Saturday's meeting was carried out precisely as we had planned. We have told you frankly that we intended to respect all of your rights as a stockholder in this system, and to accord to you terms as favorable as those accorded to any other stockholder. If you will join with us in an honest effort to work out this proposition on a wise, conservative and equitable plan, you have the opportunity of doing so; but if your aim is to obstruct, delay and injure, you can go ahead on your own responsibility. We are prepared to protect to the fullest and to promote the interests which we represent, and you will find out this will be done. In conclusion, I will again remind you of the statement which you made to me in one of our first interviews, to wit: That it was not your intention, to use your own language, to 'sand bag' the situation, and that if you did not feel warranted in joining us in our plan of reorganization, that you would name a price on your stock, which your attorney, Mr. Groner, informed me, in the presence of your attorney Page had averaged between ninety and one hundred. I would also remind you of your request, which you urged upon me in our last interview, that I should advise my fellow members in the Seaboard system to sell out their holdings at two hundred dollars per share for Seaboard stock, which you said you thought was a full price for that stock, and one which they ought to be only too glad to realize."

The meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad was accordingly held at 4 P. M., pursuant to an adjournment at noon.

The purchase of the preferred common stock of subordinate companies of the system was reported by Vice President E. St. John with the prices paid, and a resolution approving and confirming the same was adopted, by a vote of 14,967 shares to 16.

The following resolution was adopted by the same vote:

"WHEREAS, It is proposed to unite the railways and properties of the Seaboard Air Line system with those of the South-bound railroad, the Georgia and Alabama railway, and the Florida, Central and Peninsula railroad, thus creating a system operating railroads from Richmond Va., through the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida; Therefore be it,

"*Resolved*, By the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, that they approve of the corporate union of the railways and properties comprising the Seaboard Air Line system with those of the South bound railroad, the Georgia and Alabama railroad, and the Florida, Central and Peninsula Railroad Company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by them, and they hereby authorize and empower the president and directors of this company to join in such agreements, contracts, merger or consolidation, or other measure as may be legally necessary or proposed to bring about the closest physical connection and corporate union or merger of such properties, for the accomplishment of the creation of the system so proposed."

The meeting was then adjourned till January 17th next, when final action is expected to be taken.

A TEXAS TRAGEDY.

E. O. Harrell Killed by F. M. Etheridge in a Professional Quarrel at Dallas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Dec. 21.—F. M. Etheridge, one of the most prominent lawyers in the city, to-day shot Attorney Edwin O. Harrell, who is equally well known, four times, in a crowded elevator in the North Texas building. Harrell died later at his home. Harrell had a pistol half cocked in hand as he fell in the lobby in front of the elevator shaft. Etheridge is in custody. The men were employed as counsel on opposite sides in litigation involving cotton mill property and quarrelled concerning professional affairs.

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LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS.

State Ticket Completed—Convention Endorsed Chicago Platform.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BATON ROUGE, LA., December 21.—At the Democratic State Convention to-day Senator Estopinal, of St. Bernard parish, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor, and John T. Michael, of New Orleans, was nominated to succeed himself as Secretary of State.

The resolutions adopted by the convention support the Chicago platform, denounce trusts, favor the Federal control of levees and the building of the Isthmian canal, and the deepening of the passes of the mouth of the river, and endorse the administration of Governor Foster.

SPREAD OF MORMONISM.

Many Converts in Hampton County, S. C. Movement to Extirpate the Elders.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—Mormon elders, two at a time, seven years ago began to visit the great swamp section of Hampton county near the sea coast of this State, and made many converts among the Baptist backwoodsmen near Ridgeland. They now have so large a following that they have established a church at which eight Mormon elders were at work several weeks ago. The State Legislature has been asked by the orthodox people of Hampton county to work for a law to extripate the elders, and say that "prompt legislation may save them from the mob violence that some sister States have lately had in trying to rid themselves of these disgraceful practices."

GOLD EXPORTS.

Shipments To-day From New York Will Probably Reach $5,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Sterling bankers predicted numerous gold engagements for Saturday, but all said it was impossible to estimate with accuracy how much the shipments would amount to One firm reported that it might ship from $500,000 to $1,000,000, as to morrow's requirements suggested, and in other quarters it was believed that at least $5,000,000 altogether would go out. At present rates the margin of profit on gold export would be small, it was said, but the demand for the metal abroad was sufficient to make "special transactions" profitable at this time. It was said to day that Heidleback, Ickleheimer & Co. and Muller, Schall & Co. might each ship $500,000.

REPORTED SEIZURES.

Vessels With American Flour Taken by British Cruisers Off Coast of Africa.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the absence of a formal complaint, the State officials do not care to express a specific opinion in the case of the reported seizures of American flour by British cruisers off the South African coast, under suspicion that it was intended for the Transvaal. But under the general rule adopted by our Government, and adhered to by most of the other civilized governments, merchandise of this description sent by one neutral nation to another, as in the case of the United States and Portugal, is absolutely exempt from seizure.

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